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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S EVENING READING FOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12:

1. DOBRYNIN. WHEN DOBRYNIN WAS IN TODAY, CY TOLD HIM WE
HAD NO OBJECTION TO SOVIET DOCTORS EXAMINING SHEVCHENKO IF
HE AGREED, AND THAT WE HAD PASSED THE SOVIET REQUEST TO HIS
ATTORNEY. DOBRYNIN ASKED IF WE WOULD COMPEL HIM TO SUBMIT
TO EXAMINATION AND CY SAID NO. DOBRYNIN WAS TOLD THAT WE
HAD PASSED ON HIS REQUEST FOR ANOTHER MEETING WITH
SHEVCHENKO.

SHEVCHENKO'S ATTORNEY SAID TODAY THAT SHEVCHENKO IS VERY
MUCH OPPOSED TO ANOTHER MEETING AT THIS TIME. SHEVCHENKO
TALKED BY TELEPHONE YESTERDAY WITH SOVIET UN AMBASSADOR
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TROYANOVSKIY, BUT THEY DISAGREED ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF A
MEETING. WE WILL RAISE THE QUESTION AGAIN TOMORROW.

THE PRESS HAS LEARNED THAT BOTH DOBRYNIN AND TROYANOVSKIY
ACCOMPANIED MRS. SHEVCHENKO TO THE PLANE WHEN SHE RETURNED
TO MOSCOW LAST SATURDAY, AND THERE MAY BE SPECULATION ABOUT

WHETHER HER DEPARTURE WAS VOLUNTARY. TO GUARD AGAINST THIS BECOMING AN ISSUE, WE TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF HAVING OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND FROM THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE INTERVIEW HER, AND THEY WERE SATISFIED THAT HER DECISION TO LEAVE WAS HER OWN.

ON SALT, CY TOLD DOBRYNIN THAT YOU WOULD BE SIGNING FINAL INSTRUCTIONS ON OUR SALT POSITION SHORTLY, AND THAT IN HIS ABSENCE, WARNKE WOULD BE GIVING HIM SOME ELEMENTS OF OUR POSITION TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE SOVIETS TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSION. WHEN CY MENTIONED THAT YOU WISHED HIM TO STRESS THE NEED FOR SOVIET UNDERSTANDING OF THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF BRIDGING THE GAP ON THE BACKFIRE ISSUE, DOBRYNIN REPLIED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS NOT ONE OF LACK OF UNDERSTANDING, BUT OF SOVIET INABILITY TO MEET NEW DEMANDS FROM THE U.S. HE SAID GROMYKO HAD RECEIVED POLITBURO APPROVAL TO GO AS FAR AS HE DID ON THE STRENGTH OF HIS ASSURANCE THAT THIS WOULD REMOVE THE BACKFIRE OBSTACLE TO A SALT AGREEMENT.

2. ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER. CY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI COVERED VIRTUALLY ALL ASPECTS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. ANDREI STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A STABLE, LONG-TERM ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BASED ON MULTI-YEAR MFN. CY TOLD HIM IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADE ACT THIS YEAR BUT PERHAPS A SOLUTION.

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TION COULD BE FOUND IN THE FUTURE, ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS AN INCREASE IN EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA TO THE U.S. AND ISRAEL. ANDREI ALSO ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT FOR JOINT VENTURES, MORE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF EXPORT LICENSES, AND FINANCIAL CREDIT ON FAVORABLE TERMS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. CY SAID HE WOULD SEE WHAT WE COULD DO TO WORK WITH COMMERCE IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND WOULD LOOK INTO THE EXPORT LICENSE AND FINANCIAL CREDIT QUESTIONS. THEY TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT THE DROP IN JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA TO ISRAEL, AND ANDREI MADE THE POINT THAT DAYAN RECENTLY SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE EMIGRATION PICTURE.

3. SOVIET SUBMARINE DISMANTLING. THE SOVIETS ARE NOW DISMANTLING A Y-CLASS SLBM SUBMARINE IN ORDER TO PERMIT A NEW D-CLASS SLBM SUBMARINE TO COMMENCE SEA-TRIALS WITHIN THE CEILINGS IMPOSED BY THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. THIS IS AN INDICATION THAT THE SOVIETS ARE CONTINUING TO OBSERVE THE LIMITS OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT EVEN THOUGH THIS HAS A REAL IMPACT ON THEIR SLBM PROGRAM. THE SUBMARINE BEING DISMANTLED WAS CONSTRUCTED MORE RECENTLY THAN ANY OF OUR SSBN'S.

4. CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES. CY HAD BREAKFAST THIS MORNING WITH JOHN BRADEMAS AND LEADING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. THIS AFTERNOON HE HELD A QUESTION HOUR ATTENDED BY ABOUT 60 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.

ON RHODESIA, CY EXPLAINED THE OBJECTIVES OF HIS TRIP, OUR HOPES FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, AND THE DANGER OF SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION. THE FACT THAT CY WILL GO TO SOUTH AFRICA SEEMED TO PROVIDE REASSURANCE OF OUR EVENHANDEDNESS.

THE MAJORITY VIEW ON KOREAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL AT THE
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BREAKFAST WAS THAT WE SHOULD DELAY THE WHOLE ISSUE FOR SIX MONTHS IF POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH CLEM ZABLOCKI FEELS THE AIR HAS CLEARED SOMEWHAT AND WE MIGHT AS WELL FIGHT IT OUT NOW. BRADEMAS ARGUED THAT THE ISSUE WOULD ATTRACT OPPOSITION FROM REPUBLICANS CRITICAL OF ADMINISTRATION SECURITY POLICY, AND FROM THOSE WHO CLAIM FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IS INCONSISTENT WITH BUDGET RESTRAINT AND INFLATION CONTROL. BRADEMAS RESTATED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE LIFTING OF THE TURKIST ARMS EMBARGO IN A VERY MODERATE WAY, AND HE GAVE US CREDIT FOR BEING STRAIGHT WITH HIM.

5. NAMIBIA. THE CONTACT GROUP'S PROPOSAL FOR A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT WAS FORMALLY PRESENTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY. DURING INFORMAL COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS TOMORROW, THE CONTACT GROUP WILL TABLE A DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH TAKES NOTE OF THE PROPOSAL, INSTRUCTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND ASKS HIM TO APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO HANDLE THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. IF PROSPECTS FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION ARE PROMISING, THE CONTACT GROUP PLANS TO REQUEST A FORMAL COUNCIL SESSION ON APRIL 17 TO CONSIDER IT.

THE CONTACT GROUP HAS UNDERTAKEN A SERIES OF STEPS DESIGNED TO BUILD SUPPORT IN THE COUNCIL FOR OUR PROPOSAL. THE TALKS WHICH CY AND DAVID OWEN WILL HAVE IN DAR ES SALAAM WITH THE FRONT LINE REPRESENTATIVES AND IN PRETORIA WITH PIK BOTHA WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAST MINUTE PERSUASION.

6. URUGUAY. WHEN HE CALLED ON ME ON MONDAY, THE NEW URUGUAYAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, GENERAL BENDAHAN,
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TOOK A MORE POSITIVE TACK ON HUMAN RIGHTS THAN PREVIOUS SENIOR URUGUAYAN VISITORS. BENDAHAN INDICATED THE NEW MILITARY LEADERSHIP, WHICH HAS THE ULTIMATE VOICE IN THE COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT, WILL PUSH AHEAD TO RESTORE URUGUAY'S TRADITIONAL DEMOCRACY IN 1981-82. HE ALSO OFFERED THE HOPE OF SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NEARER TERM WITH RESPECT TO RESTORATION OF DUE PROCESS AND RE-LEASES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. I NOTED THAT WE HAD BEEN PLEASED AT THE RECEPTION THAT AN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION TEAM RECEIVED ON A RECENT VISIT TO MONTEVIDEO. (THE

GOVERNMENT TOOK THE UNUSUAL STEP OF ISSUING ITS OWN PRESS RELEASE REPORTING THE ABA'S RECOMMENDATIONS DEALING WITH THE TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND A RETURN TO THE RULE OF LAW.) I TOLD BENDAHAN THAT IF THE URUGUAYANS FOLLOWED THROUGH IN IMPROVING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, THE U.S. WOULD RECOGNIZE PROGRESS AND RESPOND FAVORABLY. CHRISTOPHER

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